

Jefferson County

4-H  Clover News

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February Due Dates

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March Due Dates

- 6** County Talent Show Registration
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3 County Fashion Revue Registration
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February Activity Dates

- Feb. 22-23 Ambassador Workshop, 4-H Center
 Feb. 26-28 4-H Journal Judging, 4-H Center

March Activity Dates

- TBA Arkansas Beef Ambassador Competition, Cattlemen's Assoc. in Little Rock
1 High Adventure Backpacking Parent-Camper Rally, LRSO
3 Beekeeping Essay Contest Winners Announced
7 Horse Demonstration & Public Speaking, 4-H Center
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Mar 29-April 3 National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.

April Activity Dates

4-6 4-H High Adventure Backpacking Shakedown, 4-H Center

7 Jeff. Co. Adult Volunteer Leaders' Assoc.Mtg.

8 County Fashion Revue

13-19 National Volunteer Week

18-19 Spring Parent & Volunteer Leader Forum, 4-H Center

19 State Technology Team Meeting, LRSO

19 4-H 5K Run/Walk, 4-H Center

25 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest, Location TBA

26 County Broiler Barbecue

Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors

Ambassador applications are due in our office February 28. Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are individuals who may be called on to assist with 4-H promotion at the state and county level.

Ambassadors may be utilized in the following ways: Assist with statewide 4-H programs; assist with county 4-H programs as requested; serve as banquet or workshop speakers, camp counselors, or county activity judges; assist with county teen leader club organization or 4-H promotional events; promote Arkansas 4-H at every opportunity and represent 4-H at various activities. All 4-H Ambassadors are expected to attend and assist with the State 4-H Ambassador Workshop and 4-H Teen Leader Conference. To apply, a 4-H member must be a 4-H Teen Star. 4-H'ers may apply for ambassador the same year they apply for Teen Star. They may interview for ambassador only if selected as a Teen Star. The applicant

must not be 19 years of age before or during the calendar year in which the application is being submitted. Ambassadors will be interviewed and selected on the first day of Teen Leader Conference at the Arkansas 4-H Center. Applicants must make a promotional speech of approximately 500 words. The speech should be one that an ambassador could use at 4-H banquets and events, as well as before civic and community organizations. Applicants will also respond to questions asked by a panel of judges. No make-up day will be scheduled. Additional information will be mailed to each applicant after applications are received.



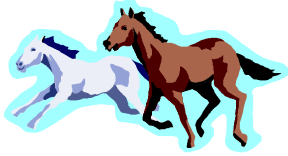
Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars

Applications for Arkansas 4-H Teen Star are due in our office no later than February 28. The Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars Program is a recognition program for Arkansas 4-H members who have outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership and community service. Statewide 4-H scholarships are a part of the Arkansas 4-H Teen Star program. Each year Teen Stars who are graduating high school seniors will be eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Zack O. and Jennie D. Jennings scholarship. To be named an Arkansas 4-H Teen Star, a 4-H member:

- Must be 15 years old as of January 1 of the current year and no more than 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Should have completed two years of work as a 4-H member.
- Should be an active 4-H member at the time of application.
- Must display leadership ability and integrity of character, demonstrating high moral standards and high goals; outstanding achievement in both project and service activities; ability to work with others; positive attitude; interest in the 4-H program & general interest in organizations and activities for youth dev. Applications reviewed by a state committee.

State Horse Clinic - 4-H Horse Conference Demonstration & Public Speaking Contests

The purpose of this activity is to provide Arkansas 4-H youth an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the horse industry and improve their oral communication skills. This year's clinic will be held March 7-8, with competitions occurring on Friday, March 7.



CONTEST: 1. Team Demonstration Contest – two team members
2. Individual Demonstration Contest
3. Public Speaking Contest

AWARDS: 1. Trophies to top three placing in each division
2. The first place winners in each division (Team Demonstration, Individual Demonstration and Public Speaking) will be eligible to attend the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships. Out-of-state trip expense will be covered, if funding is available. Call for more information.

Talent Show

The Jefferson County 4-H Talent Show will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in the Pine Bluff High School Little Theater. Competition categories are: Jr./Sr. Vocal, Jr./Sr. Instrumental, and Jr./Sr. Dance. Pre-registration is required. Call our office to pre-register by Thursday, March 6.



Scott Tractor Scholarship

Applications are available for the Jeff. Co./ Scott Tractor Company Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to Jefferson County 4-H senior(s) graduating in the spring of 2008. **Deadline for application is March 17, 2008.** For more

information/and an application, contact our office at 534-1033.

Arkansas 4-H State Camp Counselor

A tremendous leadership opportunity is available for 4-H teens ages 16 to 19. Those selected are given more responsibility than they generally receive at other activities. Counselors are required to live at the 4-H Center during their week of camp and are required to participate in the Arkansas 4-H State Camp Counselor training session that is held prior to camp. Counselors will have to furnish their own transportation to and from the 4-H Center. Applications are due in the county office no later than March 12. There is no application fee.

State 4-H Camp

Applications are now being taken for 2008 AR 4-H State Camp (9-12 yr.-olds) & Adventure and Challenge Camp (13-15 yr.-olds), which will both be held at the C.A. Vines AR 4-H Center in Ferndale. This year's state camp theme is "Camp Time Travel." In keeping with our celebration of 100 years of 4-H in Arkansas, campers will experience activities from the past and from the future! Camp dates are July 7-9 or July 14-16, 2008. This year's camp fees are: State Camp=\$65; Adventure Challenge Camp=\$75. Completed applications, forms and all fees are due by May 14, 2008. Contact our office at (870)534-1033 for applications and forms or for more information about these camps.



Arbor Day Poster Contest

The National Arbor Day Foundation is calling on all fifth-grade students in Arkansas to showcase their artistic talents by creating posters reflecting the theme "*Trees are Terrific...and forests are too!*"



This annual contest, sponsored on a national level by Toyota, educates children about the importance of planting and caring for trees.

All entries must be in our office by February 28, 2008. Each school may submit one winning poster to our office for judging. The county winner will be sent to the state level of competition in March. Savings bonds in the amounts of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded on the state level, and national prizes will also be awarded. Schools should be announcing all this information in the next few weeks. If you are interested, be sure to tell your fifth-grade teacher, or contact our office for further assistance.

Teen Leader Conference

The Arkansas Teen Leader Conference will be held June 11-



13, 2008, at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. Delegate applications and health cards are due in our office on March 26. TLC is a three-day conference for 4-H members ages 14 to 19. Each year, the conference focuses on a specific topic and helps to prepare teens for leadership responsibilities in their local clubs and counties. State officers and ambassadors arrive one day prior to other delegates (June 10). * The Teen Star Recognition and Hall of Fame Induction will be conducted at the Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet held during the conference.

Delegate selection will be based on an application. Preference is given in the following order: State 4-H Ambassadors, newly-selected Teen Stars, newly-elected state 4-H Ambassadors, and 4-H members who have completed grades 9–11. Final determination of the delegates to attend will be made on the state level.

The state 4-H officers and Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors will assist with the conference and are expected to be in attendance. They should submit an application also. EXPENSES:

The cost of the conference is \$80 for delegates and \$57.50 for Ambassadors who attended Ambassador Workshop. This fee covers two nights' lodging; six meals, beginning with dinner on first day through lunch on last day; insurance; cost of T-shirt; and other program expenses.

Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet Servers Needed

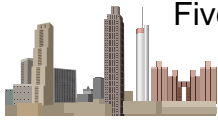
Twenty-five volunteer servers between the ages of 12 and 14 are needed to assist with the annual Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet. The event will take place on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale. Applications are due in our office by March 26.

This is a great leadership and community service opportunity. Volunteers will also see and experience the excitement of the Teen Star and Hall of Fame recipients as they are recognized for their accomplishments.

4-H'ers selected to assist will need to meet at the 4-H Center dressed in white button-up shirts, black pants or skirts and black shoes.

After an orientation on how to properly serve food and beverages, volunteers will assist with setting the tables for the banquet. 4-H'ers will serve meals for one or two tables. The volunteers will also need to refill drinks and clear the tables. They are expected to finish around 9:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided for volunteers, but no lodging will be available. Volunteers may purchase additional tickets for adults providing transportation.

National 4-H Congress Congressional Delegate



Five youths will be selected to participate in the National 4-H Congress to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The

Arkansas 4-H Congressional Delegate selection process will be based on each youth's ability to show involvement and commitment to youth issues, leadership, appreciation of diversity, and community service. The delegate selection process allows the Arkansas 4-H Foundation to send additional youths, as well as the 4-H Journal winners, to the congress.

Youth will be eligible to attend National 4-H Congress only once. If a youth has attended National 4-H Congress as a 4-H Journal winner, he or she is NOT eligible to submit a congressional delegate selection application. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 19 on January 1 of the year in which they are applying. Candidates must be participating in youth development programs in which Extension (Arkansas Cooperative Extension and 1890 Cooperative Extension Service) is a partner. (Such youth development programs include, but are not limited to the following: 4-H clubs, short-term groups, school curriculum enrichment programs, and Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP). Applications are due by March 28. Contact our office for more information.

4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program State Contest

The date for the 2008 4-H Wildlife Habitat Contest is April 25, with the location yet to be announced. The cost is \$5 and is due in our office by March 28 along with a completed application.

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program is a hands-on, experiential, and practical program to learn about rural and urban

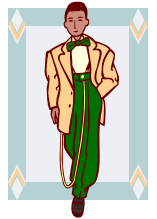
wildlife management planning. The program teaches youth and their leaders ecologically sound principles of wildlife management, strong leadership and teamwork skills and the ability to apply learned knowledge. Participants will learn and compete in six areas:

- 1) Identify common wildlife species (Juniors & Seniors)
- 2) Identify common wildlife foods (Juniors & Seniors)
- 3) Interpret wildlife habitat from aerial photographs (Juniors & Seniors)
- (4) Understand and prescribe wildlife management practices (Juniors & Seniors)
- 5) Develop a rural wildlife management plan (Seniors)
- 6) Develop an urban wildlife management plan (Seniors)

Participants may compete as an individual or on a team. A county team will consist of no less than three and no more than four entrants who are 4-H members in their county during the current year. Senior team members must all meet the age qualifications for Senior 4-H'ers, which is ages 14-19 as of January 1 of the current year. Likewise, Junior team members must all meet the age qualifications for junior 4-H'ers, which is ages 9-13. Contact our office at (870)534-1033 for more information.

Fashion Revue

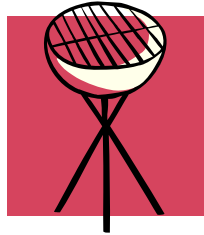
The 2008 Jefferson County 4-H Fashion Revue Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pine Bluff High School Little Theater. Contestants will be judged on modeling as well as their ability to demonstrate knowledge of garment fiber, care, quality, price, etc. All contestants must pre-register by calling our office before Thursday, April 3. Those needing assistance with garment selection and/or writing your commentary need to attend practice, which is scheduled for Monday, March 31, at 5:30



p.m., in the conference room of the county Extension office. For more information, or to register, call our office at (870)534-1033.

Broiler Barbecue Competition

The 4-H Broiler BBQ contest will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, in the parking lot of the Jefferson County Extension Service. Grills must be in place by 8:30 a.m. All participants must pre-register by Wednesday, April 16. Please call our office for complete contest rules or if you need more information about this activity.



Arkansas 4-H Ambassador Re-Certification Policy

All current 4-H Ambassadors need to complete re-certification forms by April 25, 2008. Ambassadors who do not meet the re-certification requirements by July 1 may re-apply the following year but will not be eligible to participate in the ambassador program for one year.

State 4-H Ambassadors are inducted and/or recognized at the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama each year, usually in late July or early August. Ambassadors will have from the conclusion of the Arkansas 4-H O-Rama until the first working day of May of the following year to complete their re-certification requirements. Ambassadors who do not meet the re-certification requirements by the first working day of May can reapply the following year. They will not be eligible to participate in the ambassador program until they have re-certified.

Note: Ambassadors making application for a state 4-H office must submit their re-certification report with their application and must have met the re-certification requirements at the time of application. To

re-certify for the following year, state 4-H Ambassadors must not have turned 19 years old during the current calendar year (4-H members who are 19 as of December 31 no longer meet the age requirements for 4-H) and must meet additional requirements. For details of these requirements, contact our office at (870)534-1033.

Leaders' Meeting

The Jefferson County Adult Volunteer Leaders Association will meet on Monday, April 7, in the county Extension office conference room. The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Shooting Sports

The Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is recruiting new members and adult volunteer leaders. For meeting location and additional information, contact our office at 534-1033.

Poultry Chain Time

The traditional 4-H Poultry Chain Project was designed for youth to rear 25-50 one-day-old White Leghorns or possibly Bovan Brown egg-laying type chicks (commercial layer type) from our commercial industry clean stock. County Extension agents enroll youth members to participate and provide guidance, supervision and vaccinations (vaccine provided) for growing the birds. The chicks are placed with the 4-H'ers in late March and early April with an agreement that the 4-H'er will rear the birds to approximately 20-22 weeks of age and return 3-5 birds to your county fair for show and sale.



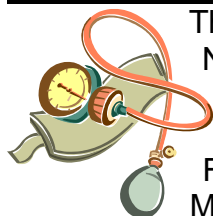
The White Leghorn chicks will cost around 35 cents each. This price may increase some this year. The Bovan Brown will cost

around 80 cents each. Approximate delivery dates for chicks will be during late March to early April. More information on our county delivery dates will be available as soon as they can be arranged. Contact Don Plunkett about participating in the 2008 4-H Poultry Chain project.

AR 4-H 5K Run/Walk

The 2008 4-H 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., 5K begins at 9:00 a.m., and awards will be presented at 11:00 a.m. The cost for youth participants is \$5 if pre-registered or \$10 the day of the race. Cost for adults is \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 the day of the race. Call our office for more information or an entry form.

EFNEP Health Fair

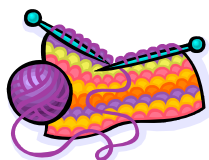


The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program's 16th Annual Health Awareness and Prevention Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m. until

2:00 p.m. with registration from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at Hestand Stadium, 420 Blake Street. There will be FREE cholesterol, blood sugar, vision and blood pressure screenings, along with food demonstrations from the EFNEP program assistants and other community resources in Jefferson County. There will also be food and door prizes.

Jefferson County EHC Workshops

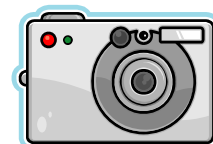
The Jefferson County Extension Homemakers are sponsoring two workshops in March. Peggie Barbaree will teach a **Nifty Knitters Workshop** on Saturday, March 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the White Hall branch of the Jefferson County library, located at 1214 Robin Avenue in White Hall.



Participants need to bring two skeins of yarn and a long knitting loom. They will make a scarf on the loom. Please call Mary Ann Kizer, family and consumer sciences agent, at 534-1033 to register for the free Nifty Knitters workshop.

A Digital Camera Workshop will

be held Friday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at SEARK, Southeast Arkansas College's computer lab, located at 1900 Hazel Street in Pine Bluff. Participants need to bring a digital camera with cables to connect to a computer and an item that could be sold on eBay.



Participants will learn how to take better pictures, how to crop pictures, and how to list an item for sale on eBay. Plans are to form a new Extension Homemakers Camera Project Club. Please call Mary Ann Kizer, CEA-FCS, at 534-1033 to pre-register. Class size is limited to 15 participants, so reserve your spot early.

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Pia Woods".

Pia Woods, CEA-4-H/FCS
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